

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Docket No. : 080306.56872US  
Customer No. : 23911  
  
Title : Rotation Mechanism for Construction Machine and Method  
of Measuring Backlash in the Mechanism

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following proposed amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the final Office Action dated August 3, 2009. **An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. ***No additional claims fees are due.***

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.